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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS AT SEA MEETING

REF: MOSCOW 0202 (NOTAL) (DTG 251415Z MAR 76)

1. THE FOLLOWING IS FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE PRESENTATION TO THE SOVIETS IN RESPONSE TO THE 24 MARCH LETTER FROM THE FOREIGN LIAISON DIRECTORATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE USSR TO THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.

QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USA AND THE USSR ON THE PREVENTION OF INCIDENTS ON AND OVER THE HIGH SEAS WILL BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO MEET IN MOSCOW DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 1976. BECAUSE OF SOME SCHEDULE
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CONFLICTS DURING THE WEEK OF 17 MAY IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED

IF THE MEETINGS COULD COMMENCE DURING EITHER THE WEEKS OF 3 OR 24 MAY RATHER THAN ON 18 MAY AS SUGGESTED. THE AGENDA AS PROPOSED IS ACCEPTABLE IN RESPECT TO ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, THE US SIDE REQUESTS THAT ITEM NR 2 BE CHANGED TO READ: DISCUSSION OF SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR FIXED OPERATING DISTANCES BETWEEN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT OF BOTH SIDES, AND THAT ITEM NR 3 BE CHANGED TO READ: DISCUSSION OF SOVIET PROPOSALS TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT TO GOVERN THE RELATION OF

MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO CIVIL AIRCRAFT. IN ADDITION, THE US SIDE DESIRES TO ADD AS AGENDA ITEM NR 4: INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION OF US PROPOSAL TO ADD APPROPRIATE SIGNALS TO THE AUTHORIZED LIST.

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